

COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORTTOPIC Soviet Troop Trains 50X1-HUMEVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 10 November 1952REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 4 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

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The following troop trains [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] the Erfurt transportation headquarters on 9 and 10 October 1952:

<u>Date in</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
9	8 converted boxcars, Mechterstaedt 23 boxcars and 29 flatcars with vehicles		Merseburg
	10 converted boxcars, Eisenach 27 boxcars and 23 flatcars with vehicles		Merseburg
	8 converted boxcars, Ohrdruf 25 boxcars and 23 flatcars with vehicles		Eudolstadt
	7 converted boxcars, Ohrdruf 7 boxcars and 46 flatcars with vehicles		Eudolstadt
	2 converted boxcars, Donndorf 10 boxcars and 15 flatcars with vehicles and 10 tanks		Halle
	3 converted boxcars, Donndorf 9 boxcars and 10 flatcars with vehicles with 9 tanks		Halle

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<u>Date in</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
9	3 converted boxcars, Donndorf 5 boxcars and 21 flatcars with vehicles and 11 tanks	Donndorf	Halle
10	8 converted boxcars, Donndorf 15 boxcars and 17 flatcars with vehicles and 7 tanks	Donndorf	Halle
	5 converted boxcars, Rossleben 12 boxcars and 43 flatcars with vehicles	Rossleben	Halle
	2 converted boxcars, Rossleben 12 boxcars and 46 flatcars with vehicles	Rossleben	Halle railroad district
	6 converted boxcars, Rossleben 10 boxcars and 25 flatcars with vehicles	Rossleben	Halle railroad district
	8 converted boxcars, Ohrdruf 5 boxcars and 37 flatcars with vehicles and 7 tanks	Ohrdruf	Halle railroad district
	2 converted boxcars, Donndorf 2 boxcars and 23 flatcars with vehicles and 15 tanks	Donndorf	Halle railroad district
	7 converted boxcars, Eisenach 2 boxcars and 37 flatcars with vehicles	Eisenach	Halle railroad district

2. [redacted] the Erfurt railroad district headquarters had to clear the ramps for loading of troops at the following railroad stations on 15 October: Naumburg, Weimar, Weissenfels, Zeitz, Cera, Jena, Saalfeld and Rudolstadt. (2)

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3. Loading ramps were to be made available at the following railroad stations: Ohrdruf, Crawinkel, Georgenthal, Emleben, Eisenach, Weimar, Mechterstaedt, Bad Koesen, Rossleben and Dorndorf. (?)

4. [redacted] the following converted boxcars were to be made available on 13 October: 80 cars at Weimar; and 60 cars as reserve at Neudietendorf. (3)

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5. Troop trains [redacted] of the 5th Subdistrict Office of the Berlin railroad district between 10 and 12 October included:

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Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
10	2 boxcars, 10 flatcars and 6 SS-type flatcars with tanks	Gross Behnitz;	Prenzlau
	11 boxcars and 28 flatcars	Buschow	Prenzlau
	9 boxcars, 36 flatcars and 1 SS-type flatcars with tanks	Rathenow	Prenzlau
	7 boxcars and 42 flatcars	Rathenow	Oranienburg
	8 boxcars and 26 flatcars	Prennitz	Vogelsang
	11 boxcars, 36 flatcars and 1 SS-type flatcars	Prennitz	Prenzlau
	7 boxcars and 28 flatcars	Prennitz	Oranienburg
	9 boxcars, 45 flatcars and 1 SS-type flatcars	Prennitz	Oranienburg
11	8 boxcars and 25 flatcars	Prennitz	Prenzlau
	7 boxcars and 27 flatcars	Rathenow	Eberswalde
	6 boxcars and 27 flatcars	Rathenow	Eberswalde
12	11 converted boxcars	Dallgow-Doberitz	Altruppin

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- (1) [ ] Comment. The same troop trains, however, without their receiving stations [ ]

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The transportation movement in the present report included the following troop trains:

From the Ohrdruf troop training grounds. On 9 October 1952, two troop

trains to Fudolstadt, including the train [ ]

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which transported an element of the 697th AAA Regt [ ] of

the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps; and on 10 October 1952, one troop train,

possibly to the training area of the Eighth Gds Army near Dessau.

From the Kindel troop training grounds. On 9 October 1952, two troop trains

to Merseburg which carried components of the unidentified artillery brigade

of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps [ ] belonging to this brigade; and

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on 10 October 1952, two troop trains, possibly to the training area of the

Eighth Gds Army near Dessau.

From the Lossa troop training grounds. On 9 and 10 October 1952, five troop

trains to Halle. [ ]

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#### Designation of Unit:

An unidentified unit [ ]

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Elements of the 69th Gds Mecz Regt.

Elements of an unidentified tank unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div.

Elements of the Hq 21st Gds Mecz Div.

Elements of the 2505th Gds AAA Regt [ ]

On 10 October 1952, three troop trains, possibly to the training area of the Eighth Gds Army near Dessau.

All units are confirmed prior to the date of their departure.

- (2) [ ] Comment. The clearing of ramps on 15 October 1952 indicates that, effective that day, the units which participated in the field exercises of the Eighth Gds Army in the Dessau area returned to their home stations. Compare with the corresponding information obtained from the Berlin railroad [ ] The loading ramps at the railroad stations of the troop training grounds reported in paragraph 3 are probably utilized for the entraining of rear details.

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- (3) [ ] Comment. As the order does not indicate whether the boxcars had to be transitworthy, no conclusions can be drawn as to their possible employment under the exchange program which started in mid-September 1952.

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- (4) [ ] Comment. The troop trains on 10 and 11 October 1952 continue the return movement of units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army to their home stations upon completion of the field exercises in the Rathenow area. Most of these units belonged to the 25th Tank Div. [ ]

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